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REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION
(RCE)
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| Application Number     | 09/925,728      |
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| Group Art Unit         | 3738            |
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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| 1.        | am<br>oth<br>nor          | Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 Note: if the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s). |                 |                           |                  |                |               |                |              |           |                    |        |                  |  |
|           | a. X Previously submitted |  |                 |                           |                  |                |               |                |              |           |                    |        |                  |  |
|           |                           | i. X Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on  January 10, 2005   |                 |                           |                  |                |               |                |              |           |                    |        |                  |  |
|           |                           | ii.  |                 | Co                        | onside           | r the          | e argı        | ument          | s in th      | e Appe    | al Brief           | or Re  | eply Brief       | f previously filed on                                      |
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|           |                           | i.   |                 | Amendment/Reply           |                  |                |               |                |              |           |                    |        |                  |  |
|           |                           | ii.  |                 | Affidavit(s)/Declarations |                  |                |               |                |              |           |                    |        |                  |  |
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| 3.        | Fee                       | es Ti  | ne KC           | JE:                       | tee ui           | nder           | 37 C          | .F.K. §        | § 1.17(      | e) is red | quired b           | y 37   | C.F.R. §         | 1.114 when the RCE is filed.                               |
|           | a.                        | X  |                 |                           |                  |                |               |                |              | i to cha  | rge the            | tollot | wing fees        | , or credit any overpayments,                              |
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| SIGNATURE |                           |  |                 |                           | Right Reppe      |                |               |                |              |           |                    | DATE   | February 1, 2005 |  |